



# THE DERBY DISPATCH

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## ROAD TO KENTUCKY DERBY CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES IN FINAL STAGES WITH TRIO OF STAKES SATURDAY

**LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Thursday, April 1, 2021)** – Derby fans from around the globe will be on the edge of their seats Saturday afternoon as a trio of Road to the Kentucky Derby Championship Series events will give a more clear picture of the field for “America’s Greatest Race.”

Saturday’s Road to the Kentucky Derby Championship Series action will start at 5:58 p.m. (all times Eastern) with the \$750,000 Wood Memorial (Grade II) at Aqueduct featuring Grade III winner **Risk Taking** and undefeated **Prevalence**. Approximately 30 minutes later, champion **Essential Quality** headlines a field of nine in the \$800,000 Blue Grass (GII) at Keeneland. Finally, graded stakes winner **Medina Spirit** will attempt his charge to the Kentucky Derby as the headliner in the \$750,000 Santa Anita Derby (GI).

All three races will award the Top 4 finishers points on a 100-40-20-10 scale to the May 1, \$3 million Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve (GI). Each race will be televised on **NBCSN**.

With the cancellation of this year’s Sunland Derby, points boost to the Jeff Ruby Steaks (GIII) and addition of the Battaglia Memorial, there was an increase of 110.5 points from 2019’s Road to the Kentucky Derby and 68 additional points than 2018. From 2013-2019 it’s taken an average of just more than 26 points to make the starting gate for the Kentucky Derby.

**ESSENTIAL QUALITY TO MEET EIGHT IN BLUE GRASS** – Leading Kentucky Derby contender **Essential Quality** tops a field of nine in Saturday’s \$800,000 Blue Grass Stakes (GII) at Keeneland. The unbeaten juvenile champion will make his second start of the season, rolling to a 4 ¼-length victory in the Feb. 27 Southwest (GIII) at Oaklawn Park, and regular rider **Luis Saez** will be up.

The major Kentucky Derby qualifier will award points on a 100-40-20-10 basis to the top four.

A **Godolphin** homebred colt by Tapit, **Essential Quality** has shown an affinity for the Lexington, Ky. oval, posting wins in the Breeders’ Cup Juvenile (GI) and Breeders’ Futurity (GI) last fall. The **Brad Cox**-conditioned gray sophomore will stretch out to 1 1/8 miles in the Blue Grass, and he appears to be training forwardly in preparation. **Essential Quality** should be a prohibitive favorite.

**Highly Motivated** returns to Keeneland after opening 2021 with a troubled third in the March 6 Gotham (GIII) at Aqueduct. After breaking poorly and being checked in traffic, the Into Mischief colt found his best stride late to miss by 1 ¾ lengths.

## KENTUCKY DERBY RUNDOWN

### Cardinal Condition Stakes

Thursday, April 1, 3yo, 1 Mile, 12:50 p.m., Points: 30-12-6-3. Watch and Wager: [TwinSpires.com](http://TwinSpires.com).

#	Horse	Jockey	Trainer	ML
1.	+Decisive Edge	Martin Dwyer	Brian Meehan	15-1
2.	+Duty Of Care	Richard Kingscote	Sir Michael Stoute	6-1
3.	+Fundamental	Robert Havlin	John & Thady Gosden	5-2
4.	+Moraahq	Andrea Atzeni	Roger Varian	9-2
5.	+Oo De Lally	David Probert	Andrew Balding	5-1
6.	+Qaader	Ben Curtis	Mark Johnston	10-1
7.	+Quintillus	James Doyle	Charlie Appleby	7-2

### Wood Memorial (GII)

Saturday, April 3, \$750,000, 3yo, 1 1/8, Aqueduct (R10), Top 4 Points: 100-40-20-10. Approximately 6 p.m. ET. TV: **NBCSN**, Fox Sports 1, Bet: [TwinSpires.com](http://TwinSpires.com)

#	Horse	Jockey	Trainer	ML
1.	Brooklyn Strong	Manny Franco	Daniel Velazquez	6-1
2.	Crowded Trade	Eric Cancel	Chad Brown	4-1
3.	Bourbonic	Kendrick Carmouche	Todd Pletcher	30-1
4.	Risk Taking	Irad Ortiz Jr.	Chad Brown	5-2
5.	Dynamic One	Jose Ortiz	Todd Pletcher	12-1
6.	Prevalence	Tyler Gaffalione	Brendan Walsh	3-1
7.	Candy Man Rocket	Junior Alvarado	Bill Mott	12-1
8.	Weyburn	Trevor McCarthy	Jimmy Jerkens	9-2
9.	+Market Maven	Dexter Haddock	Penny Pearce	30-1

### Blue Grass (GII)

Saturday, April 3, \$800,000, 3yo, 1 1/8, Keeneland (R11), Top 4 Points: 100-40-20-10. 6:35 p.m. ET. TV: **NBCSN**, Bet: [TwinSpires.com](http://TwinSpires.com)

#	Horse	Jockey	Trainer	ML
1.	Hidden Stash	Rafael Bejarano	Vicki Oliver	20-1
2.	Untreated	Joel Rosario	Todd Pletcher	10-1
3.	Highly Motivated	Javier Castellano	Chad Brown	3-1
4.	Essential Quality	Luis Saez	Brad Cox	3-5
5.	Rombauer	Florent Geroux	Michael McCarthy	15-1
6.	Leblon	Albin Jimenez	Paolo Lobo	50-1
7.	Hush of a Storm	Santiago Gonzalez	Bill Morey	15-1
8.	Sittin On Go	Corey Lanerie	Dale Romans	30-1
9.	Keepmeinmind	David Cohen	Robertino Diodoro	8-1

### Santa Anita Derby (GI)

Saturday, April 3, \$750,000, 3yo, 1 1/8, Santa Anita Park (R8), Top 4 Points: 100-40-20-10. 7:15 p.m. ET. TV: **NBCSN**, Bet: [TwinSpires.com](http://TwinSpires.com)

#	Horse	Jockey	Trainer	ML
1.	Roman Centurian	Juan Hernandez	Simon Callaghan	
2.	Dream Shake	Flavien Prat	Peter Eurton	
3.	Rock Your World	Umberto Rispoli	John Sadler	
4.	Parnelli	Edwin Maldonado	John Shirreffs	
5.	Back Ring Luck	Tyler Baze	John Sadler	
6.	Ottothelegend	Mario Gutierrez	Steve Asmussen	
7.	Medina Spirit	John Velazquez	Bob Baffert	
8.	Law Professor	Kent Desormeaux	Michael McCarthy	
9.	The Great One	Abel Cedillo	Doug O'Neill	
10.	Defunded	Mike Smith	Bob Baffert	

+Not Triple Crown Nominated

The **Chad Brown** trainee recorded an impressive win in the Nyquist at Keeneland last fall, garnering a 102 Brisnet Speed rating for the 4 ¼-length decision, and Highly Motivated is eligible to make a serious impact if he handles the stretch out to two turns.

Longer distances have been no issue for Kentucky Jockey Club (GII) winner and Breeders' Cup Juvenile third-placer **Keepmeinmind**, but the confirmed closer will need to show more after a disappointing sixth in the Southwest following a 3 ½-month layoff. **David Cohen** rides for **Robertino Diodoro**.

**Rombauer** invades for **Michael McCarthy** after a last-to-first win in the Feb. 13 El Camino Real Derby at Golden Gate Fields. A rallying fifth in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile, the late runner will pick up a new pilot in **Florent Geroux**.

John Battaglia Memorial Stakes winner **Hush of a Storm** scratched from last Saturday's Jeff Ruby Steaks (GIII) in favor of the Blue Grass. He will be tested for class and dirt form, but the improving colt has won three straight for trainer **Bill Morey**. **Santiago Gonzalez** retains the assignment.

**Hidden Stash** exits a pair of respectable performances in his first stakes attempts, finishing third in the Sam F. Davis (GIII) and second in the Tampa Bay Derby (GII). The **Vicki Oliver**-trained colt was beaten less than a length in the latter, and **Rafael Bejarano** guides the chestnut.

**Untreated** will jump to stakes competition for **Todd Pletcher** following an 8 ¾-length maiden win at Tampa Bay Downs. Juvenile Grade III winner **Sittin On Go**, unplaced in his last four outings, and Oaklawn maiden scorer **Leblon** round out the field. — **James Scully/Brisnet.com**

**MEDINA SPIRIT LEADS FIELD OF 10 IN GRADE I SANTA ANITA DERBY** — Robert B. Lewis (Grade III) winner and San Felipe (GII) runner-up **Medina Spirit** will be the horse to beat in Saturday's \$750,000 Santa Anita Derby (GI). He's one of two in the 10-horse field for Hall of Fame trainer **Bob Baffert**, who will be seeking his 10<sup>th</sup> Santa Anita Derby win.

The 1 1/8-mile race has produced 19 Kentucky Derby winners, and it's a major qualifier awarding a combined 170 points to the top four finishers (100-40-20-10).

Medina Spirit appears to be training forwardly, recording a five-furlong bullet workout (:59) in preparation, and two-time Kentucky Derby winner **John Velazquez** will be in to guide the Florida-bred Protonico colt.

Baffert will also be represented by **Defunded**, who faces a serious class and distance check following a six-furlong maiden special weight victory on March 6. **Mike Smith** rides Dialed In gelding.

**Dream Shake** was outfinished by Medina Spirit in the latter stages of the March 6 San Felipe, winding up more than 10 lengths behind the now-sidelined **Life Is Good** in third, but the **Peter Eurton**-trained Twirling Candy colt was making only his second start. A sharp debut maiden scorer in early February, Dream Shake is eligible to show more after his initial stakes experience, and leading rider **Flavien Prat** picks up the mount.

**Roman Centurian** failed to make an impact when fourth in the San Felipe, but the impressive maiden scorer ran well when posting a head second in the Robert Lewis two starts back, edging third-placer **Hot Rod Charlie** by a nose. That rival came back to win the TwinSpires.com Louisiana Derby (GII),

and Roman Centurian is a rebound candidate for **Simon Callaghan** on Saturday.

**The Great One** figures to be a pace factor from post 9 following a weakening fifth in the San Felipe. The **Doug O'Neill**-trained colt earned back-to-back 101 Brisnet Speed ratings for a nose second in the Los Alamitos Futurity (GII) and a 14-length maiden win. The son of Nyquist will try to show more with **Abel Cedillo**.

**Rock Your World** will try dirt after opening his career with a pair of turf wins, including a 2 ¼-length triumph in the Feb. 27 Pasadena. **Umberto Rispoli** will be up for John Sadler. Sham Stakes (GIII) third **Parnelli** adds blinkers following a disappointing fifth in the Robert Lewis.

**Ottothelegend** invades for **Steve Asmussen** after a convincing maiden special weight at Oaklawn Park in early March. The Uncle Mo colt relished the stretch out to two turns in his second career outing, and **Mario Gutierrez** will take over the reins. **Law Professor** is another last-out maiden winner trying stakes competition, graduating by a 2 ½-length margin on March 5, and **Kent Desormeaux** picks up the mount for **Michael McCarthy**.

Expected longshot **Back Ring Luck** completes the lineup. — **James Scully/Brisnet.com**

#### ROAD TO THE KENTUCKY DERBY TOP 25

#	Horse	Last Jockey	Trainer	Points
1.	Hot Rod Charlie	Joel Rosario	Doug O'Neill	110
2.	Like the King	Drayden Van Dyke	Wesley Ward	104
3.	Known Agenda	Irad Ortiz Jr.	Todd Pletcher	102
4.	Rebel's Romance	William Buick	Charlie Appleby	100
5.	Greatest Honour	Jose Ortiz	Shug McGaughey	80
6.	Midnight Bourbon	Joe Talamo	Steve Asmussen	66
7.	Mandaloun	Florent Geroux	Brad Cox	52
8.	Concert Tour	Joel Rosario	Bob Baffert	50
9.	\$-Helium	Jose Ferrer	Mark Casse	50
10.	<b>\$-Weyburn</b>	<b>Trevor McCarthy</b>	<b>Jimmy Jerkens</b>	<b>50</b>
11.	<b>Essential Quality</b>	<b>Florent Geroux</b>	<b>Brad Cox</b>	<b>40</b>
12.	\$-Panadol	Mickael Barzalona	Salem bin Ghadayer	40
13.	Soup and Sandwich	John Velazquez	Mark Casse	40
14.	Sainthood	Gerardo Corrales	Todd Pletcher	40
15.	Proxy	John Velazquez	Mike Stidham	34
16.	<b>Medina Spirit</b>	<b>John Velazquez</b>	<b>Bob Baffert</b>	<b>34</b>
17.	O Besos	Marcelino Pedroza	Greg Foley	25
18.	<b>Hidden Stash</b>	<b>Rafael Bejarano</b>	<b>Vicki Oliver</b>	<b>22</b>
19.	Hozier	Martin Garcia	Bob Baffert	20
20.	<b>Crowded Trade</b>	<b>Eric Cancel</b>	<b>Chad Brown</b>	<b>20</b>
21.	\$-Hockey Dad	Rafael Bejarano	Doug O'Neill	20
22.	<b>Keepmeinmind</b>	<b>David Cohen</b>	<b>Robertino Diodoro</b>	<b>18</b>
23.	Spielberg	Martin Garcia	Bob Baffert	17
24.	<b>Rombauer</b>	<b>Florent Geroux</b>	<b>Michael McCarthy</b>	<b>14</b>
25.	Nova Rags	Junior Alvarado	Bill Mott	14

Bold: running this weekend  
\$: Late Triple Crown Nominee

#### PAST PERFORMANCES

Brisnet.com Kentucky Derby Contenders Past Performances  
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Wood Memorial Past Performances  
<https://bit.ly/3cEEmxK>

Blue Grass Past Performances  
<https://bit.ly/3sUn19G>

Santa Anita Derby Past Performances  
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## RISK TAKING, CROWDED TRADE GIVE BROWN SOLID ONE-TWO PUNCH IN WOOD MEMORIAL –

Following a one-year absence from the calendar, the \$750,000 Wood Memorial (GII) at Aqueduct on Saturday packs quite a punch. The 1 1/8-mile Road to the Kentucky Derby prep has attracted arguably its most interesting field in years, and the **Chad Brown**-trained **Risk Taking** and **Crowded Trade** could both play a big role.

The proven router of the two at this stage, Risk Taking has won back-to-back races over the Wood's track and distance, including the Feb. 6 Withers (GIII) by a decisive 3 3/4 lengths. The less-experienced Crowded Trade, though, displayed great promise when dueling **Weyburn** to a nose in the one-mile Gotham (GIII) last month in only his second lifetime start.

**Godolphin** has the current Kentucky Derby (GI) favorite in juvenile champion **Essential Quality**, and could have yet another entry for the classic after Saturday if the similarly undefeated **Prevalence** steps up in his stakes debut. The son of Medaglia d'Oro, who belatedly debuted at Gulfstream in late January, has been a facile winner of both starts by a combined margin of 11 1/2 lengths.

"He's quick, so with that kind of speed, he should be prominent in the race," trainer **Brendan Walsh** said. "He hits me as a horse who can handle any kind of surface."

The aforementioned Weyburn was a game, 46-1 upset winner of the Gotham in his first start in three months and outside the maiden ranks. The son of Pioneerof the Nile was produced from an A.P. Indy mare, so the colt has the pedigree to handle the extra furlong rather well on Saturday. Trainer **Jimmy Jerkens** is on record thinking Weyburn perhaps a stronger candidate for the Belmont Stakes (GI) in June rather than the Kentucky Derby.

**Brooklyn Strong**, who captured the track-and-distance Remsen (GII) in December, has dealt with several setbacks over the winter that have prevented him from starting since the Remsen. However, the New York-bred has won three of four for Parx-based trainer **Danny Velazquez**.

**Candy Man Rocket**, who captured the Sam F. Davis (GIII) at Tampa Bay Downs in February, looks to rebound from an awful run in the Tampa Bay Derby (GII) in which he finished 11<sup>th</sup> of 12 as the 8-5 favorite. Trainer **Bill Mott** won the last running of the Wood in 2019 with **Tacitus**.

**Todd Pletcher**, who has won the Wood five times since 2010, will saddle the longshot duo of **Dynamic One** and **Bourbonic**. The field is rounded out by another Parx shipper, recent allowance winner **Market Maven**.

The Wood Memorial's top four finishers will earn Kentucky Derby qualifying points of 100-40-20-10, respectively. – **Vance Hanson/Brisnet.com**

## NEXT STOP

After this weekend's action, the Road to the Kentucky Derby Championship Series will conclude Saturday, April 10 with the \$1 million Arkansas Derby (Grade I) and the \$200,000 Lexington (GIII).

The Arkansas Derby is worth a total of 170 points, 100 of which goes to the winner while the Lexington is worth 34 points with the winner receiving 20.

## DERBY DETAIL

**MANDALOUN, MIDNIGHT BOURBON, O BESOS ARRIVE AT CHURCHILL DOWNS –** Juddmonte Farm's Mandaloun, Winchell Thoroughbreds' Midnight Bourbon and Bryan Bernanrd, Tagg Team Racing and West Point Thoroughbreds' O Besos were the first Kentucky Derby contenders to arrive at Churchill Downs.

All three horse are scheduled to train up to the first Saturday in May. Midnight Bourbon's 66 points and Mandaloun's 52 points put them comfortably in the Kentucky Derby starting gate. However, O Besos' 25 points will put him on the bubble for making the field.

Mandaloun is scheduled to work Saturday for the first time since his disappointing sixth-place finish in the \$1 million Louisiana Derby (GII).

**DOWN THE STRETCH –** Trainer **Shug McGaughey III** reported Florida Derby (GI) third-place finisher **Greatest Honour** may add blinkers for his start in the Kentucky Derby following his disappointing effort as the heavy favorite. ... All Kentucky Derby Week stakes races will close Saturday, April 10. For more information, visit [www.churchilldowns.com/horsemen](http://www.churchilldowns.com/horsemen) or contact **Dan Bork** at (502) 638-3806.

## UPCOMING ROAD TO THE DERBY RACES

Date	Race	Track	Top 4 Points
April 1	Cardinal Condition*	Chelmsford	30-12-6-3
April 3	Wood Memorial	Aqu	100-40-20-10
April 3	Blue Grass	Kee	100-40-20-10
April 3	Santa Anita Derby	SA	100-40-20-10
April 10	Arkansas Derby	OP	100-40-20-10
April 10	Lexington	Kee	20-8-4-2

\* European Road to the Kentucky Derby

## SCULLY'S DERBY REPORT

**Known Agenda** didn't meet expectations early in the season, but the Curlin colt returned to stakes competition with a convincing 2 3/4-length victory in Saturday's Florida Derby (GI).

He punched his Kentucky Derby ticket by earning a 100-point prize in the major qualifying race.

His 3-year-old season took a detour after a fifth as the favorite in the Sam F. Davis (GIII) at Tampa Bay Downs in early February. The chestnut added blinkers and dropped down into an entry-level allowance three weeks later, recording a confidence-building, 11-length romp at Gulfstream Park, and Known Agenda will head to Churchill Downs on the upswing for two-time Kentucky Derby winner **Todd Pletcher**.

"He's made a lot of progress in his last two starts," Pletcher told the Gulfstream press office. "I think the addition of blinkers has been part of it, and part of it is he's getting more experienced and more comfortable in those scenarios when he's behind horses and inside of horses and taking some dirt."

Along with regaining some lost luster, Known Agenda added to Pletcher's Florida Derby mark (six wins), and he provided jockey **Irad Ortiz Jr.** with a record-setting 138<sup>th</sup> win of the Gulfstream Championship meet.

The Jeff Ruby Steaks (GIII) at Turfway Park has been added as a major qualifier, and **Like the King** stepped forward with

his first stakes win. **Sainthood** also notched a Kentucky Derby berth on the Tapeta track, and he's one to follow after a troubled runner-up effort in his stakes debut.

**Rebel's Romance** sprung a minor upset for **Godolphin** in Saturday's UAE Derby (GII), which offered a combined 170 points to the top four finishers, but the Kentucky Derby may not be in his plans. **Godolphin** already has a strong stateside contingent, led by unbeaten champion juvenile **Essential Quality**.

Top contenders will square off this weekend in the Blue Grass Stakes (GII), Santa Anita Derby (GI) and Wood Memorial (GII).

### Florida Derby

Known Agenda broke his maiden the second-time out at nine furlongs, and the Florida Derby marked his third win at the 1 1/8-mile distance. After failing to make a serious impact in his first two stakes appearances, the **St. Elias Stable** homebred has been able to race closer to the pace with blinkers, settling in midpack during the early stages.

Known Agenda launched his bid leaving the far turn, rolling into a clear lead by upper stretch, and continued to draw off while drifting in the latter stages. He netted a career-best 101 Brisnet Speed rating.

**Soup and Sandwich** was no match for Known Agenda, but he easily saved second in his stakes debut. By Into Mischief, the gray colt forged his way to front entering the backside while under a snug hold from **John Velazquez**, and never quit trying despite racing on the wrong lead through the stretch.

The **Mark Casse** runner was making only his third start, graduating at first asking in late January and winning a two-turn, entry-level allowance at Tampa Bay Downs a month later. Soup and Sandwich appears to be early in the developmental process, and he's eligible to add to the early pace in the Kentucky Derby.

**Greatest Honour** offered a mild bid on the far turn before flattening out in the lane, winding up 5 3/4 lengths back of Known Agenda in third. Winner of the Fountain of Youth (GII) and Holy Bull (GIII), the Tapit colt didn't experience the best trip, saving ground most of the way, and **Shug McGaughey** said he may add blinkers for the Kentucky Derby. **Jose Ortiz** probably will try to keep Greatest Honour outside next time.

### Jeff Ruby

Like the King overcame a less-than-favorable trip to post his first stakes victory, rallying to score by a length in the 1 1/8-mile race on Tapeta. A maiden turf winner last September, the **Wesley Ward**-trained colt has come on since moving to Turfway this winter, recording a pair of comfortable wins and a runner-up in the John Battaglia Memorial.

His improving form also coincided with a change in run style. Like the King raced more forward earlier in his career, but the son of Creative Cause has learned to make one run, rating in eighth after the opening half-mile of the Jeff Ruby.

An imposing task awaits him in the Kentucky Derby. His 94 Speed rating will be one of the lower last-out numbers in the field, and Like the King didn't run fast in a pair of dirt starts last year. We'll be watching to see how the **M Racing Group** colorbearer trains at Churchill Downs in preparation.

Sainthood is proven on dirt, breaking his maiden two starts back at Fair Grounds. Unraced at age two, the inexperienced colt was poised to make a serious impact before being stopped in the stretch of the Jeff Ruby, closing powerfully for second after regaining his momentum too late.

By Mshawish, Sainthood appears well-suited for longer distances. His Speed numbers must keep improving, and the Kentucky Derby may be too much too soon for the lightly-raced colt, but he remains a promising 3-year-old for Pletcher.

### Up Next

Bet down as the 4-1 choice in the fifth and final pool of the Kentucky Derby Future Wager, Essential Quality will make his final prep in the Blue Grass at Keeneland. The **Brad Cox**-trained Tapit colt tops a field of nine that includes **Highly Motivated**, **Keepmeinmind**, and **Rombauer**.

The Santa Anita Derby could also have serious ramifications, and Grade III victor **Medina Spirit** has stepped into the favorite's role for six-time Kentucky Derby winner **Bob Baffert**. He exits a runner-up finish to sidelined **Life Is Good** in the March 6 San Felipe (GII). **Dream Shake** could not sustain his run in the San Felipe, winding up third, but he's eligible to keep advancing after making only his second start last time. Robert B. Lewis (GIII) runner-up **Roman Centurian** will try to get involved late.

**Risk Taking** and **Weyburn**, the respective winners of the Withers (GIII) and Gotham (GIII) at Aqueduct, rate as legitimate win contenders in the Wood Memorial, and unbeaten **Prevalence** will receive plenty of support in his initial stakes appearance. — **James Scully/Brisnet.com**

### LONGINES KENTUCKY OAKS UPDATE

The Road to the Kentucky Oaks will conclude Friday and Saturday with five championship series events from across the nation.

Starting on Friday, the \$150,000 Beaumont (GIII) at Keeneland attracted a field of seven 3-year-old fillies where sparkling debut winner **Slumber Party** was made the 2-1 morning line favorite. The race will award the top four finishers 10-4-2-1 points toward the April 30, \$1.25 million Longines Kentucky Oaks (GI).

Action will heat up Saturday with a quartet of stakes, each awarding a total of 170 points to the top four finishers.

In the \$250,000 Gazelle (GIII) at Aqueduct, the **Chad Brown**-trained duo of stakes winners **The Grass Is Blue** and **Search Results** top a field of eight in the 1 1/8-mile event. The Gazelle goes as Race 9 at 5:20 p.m.

Ten minutes later, at Keeneland, Grade I winner **Simply Ravishing** along with graded stakes winners **Malathaat** and **Will's Secret** headline an ultra-competitive running of the \$400,000 Ashland (GI). Run at 1 1/16 miles, the Ashland goes as Race 9.

At Santa Anita, Grade III winner **Beautiful Gift** heads a compact field of five in the \$400,000 Santa Anita Oaks (GII). Run at 1 1/16 miles, the Santa Anita Oaks has an approximate post time of 5:30 p.m. as Race 6.

The action will continue about 80 minutes later at Oaklawn where graded stakes-placed fillies **Pauline's Pearl** and **Sun Path** are the co-headliners in the \$600,000 Fantasy (GIII). The 1 1/16-mile race is carded as Race 11 at 6:54 p.m.

## ROAD TO THE LONGINES KENTUCKY OAKS TOP 20

#	Horse	Trainer	Points
1.	Travel Column	Brad Cox	132
2.	Crazy Beautiful	Kenny McPeck	128
3.	Clairiere	Steve Asmussen	94
4.	<b>Will's Secret</b>	<b>Dallas Stewart</b>	<b>60</b>
5.	Wholebodemester	Juan Carlos Avila	52
6.	<b>Search Results</b>	<b>Chad Brown</b>	<b>50</b>
7.	Beautiful Gift	Bob Baffert	50
8.	Millefeuille	Bill Mott	50
9.	Kalypso	Bob Baffert	28
10.	Vequist	Butch Reid Jr.	24
11.	Souper Sensational	Mark Casse	24
12.	Moraz	Michael McCarthy	22
13.	Miss Brazil	Tony Dutrow	20
14.	<b>The Grass Is Blue</b>	<b>Chad Brown</b>	<b>20</b>
15.	<b>Pauline's Pearl</b>	<b>Steve Asmussen</b>	<b>20</b>
16.	Dayoutoftheoffice	Tim Hamm	18
17.	<b>Simply Ravishing</b>	<b>Kenny McPeck</b>	<b>13</b>
18.	Moon Swag	Brendan Walsh	12
19.	<b>Sun Path</b>	<b>Brad Cox</b>	<b>11</b>
20.	Con Lima	Todd Pletcher	10

Bold: running this weekend

## TAKING SHAPE

The possible fields for Kentucky Derby Championship Series races are fluid as owners and trainers vie for points on the "Road to the Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve." Below are known horses mentioned to be under consideration for each race based on published news reports and other sources.

### ARKANSAS DERBY (GI)

Saturday, April 10, \$1 million, 3yo, 1 1/8 M, Oaklawn Park, Hot Springs, Ark., Top 4 Points: 100-40-20-10.

Horse (Points)	Trainer	Brisnet.com Prime Power	Run Style
Concert Tour (50)	Bob Baffert	142.9	E/P 8
Caddo River (10)	Brad Cox	142.6	E 8
Hozier (20)	Bob Baffert	130.6	P 1
Get Her Number	Peter Miller	132.8	E/P 5
Super Stock	Steve Asmussen	132.4	E/P 4
+Last Samurai	Dallas Stewart	-	-

### LEXINGTON (GIII)

Saturday, April 10, \$200,000, 3yo, 1 1/16 M, Keeneland, Lexington, Ky., Top 4 Points: 20-8-4-2.

Horse (Points)	Trainer	Brisnet.com Prime Power	Run Style
King Fury (0)	Kenny McPeck	131.5	P 1
Starrininmydreams (0)	Dallas Stewart	130.8	E 3
Unbridled Honor (5)	Todd Pletcher	125.6	S 0
Ultimate Badger (0)	Dale Romans	125.1	E/P 2
Garoppolo (0)	Kelly Breen	120.5	P 4
It's My House (0)	Bob Hess Jr.	N/A	N/A

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